

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on January 16, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch  
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 35, SB 102, SB 103, 1/11/2007  
Executive Action: SB 35

00:00:01 Opening comments by Chairman Gillan.

00:00:38 Leanne Heisel presented background on SB 102 and 103.

**HEARING ON SB 103**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:58 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 103**, Revise local government fire protection laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:56 Scott Waldron, Fire Chief, Frenchtown Rural Fire District

00:08:03 Brett Waters, Montana County Fire Association, Central Valley Rural Fire District, Belgrade

00:10:16 Ed Tinsley, County Commissioner, Lewis and Clark County

00:11:19 Ted Mead, Chief of Fire Aviation

00:11:53 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties

00:13:05 Steve Erb, Private Citizen

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:14:03 John Youngberg, Montana Association of Farmers

00:17:13 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:19:16 Jay Baunn, Montana Stockgrower's Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:20:25 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:38 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Lind

00:21:38 Sen. Lind referred Sen. O'Neil's question to Scott Waldron.

00:23:51 Sen. Moss to Sen. Lind

00:25:30 Sen. Esp to Sen. Lind

00:26:00 Sen. Lind referred Sen. Esp's question to Scott Waldron.

00:26:43 Sen. Esp to Sen. Lind

00:28:17 Sen. Gebhardt to Brett Waters

00:31:43 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Lind

00:33:38 Scott Waldron responded further to Sen. Tropila's question to Sen. Lind

00:34:11 Comment by Chairman Gillan

00:34:19 Sen. Gebhardt questioned the working groups response regarding proposed amendments. Brett Waters responded to the question.

00:36:04 Sen. Murphy to Leanne Heisel, Legislative Services Division

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:53 Sen. Lind

**HEARING ON SB 102**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:15 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 102**, Revise disaster mutual aid agreement law.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:50 Brett Waters, House Joint Resolution 10 Committee, Fire Chief, Central Valley Fire District, Belgrade

00:42:41 Scott Waldron, House Joint Resolution 10 Committee

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:43:24 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:31 Dan McGowan, Administrator, Montana Disaster and  
Emergency Services

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[EXHIBIT\(los10a02\)](#)

00:50:02 Sen. Williams arrived at Committee Meeting.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:34 Sen. Esp to Leanne Heisel, Legislative Services  
Division

00:53:16 Sen. Esp to Sen. Lind

00:54:01 Sen. O'Neil to Dan McGowan, Montana Disaster and  
Emergency Services

00:55:08 Sen. Gebhardt for Dan McGowan, Montana Disaster and  
Emergency Services

00:56:46 Chairman Gillan to Dan McGowan, Montana Disaster and  
Emergency Services

00:58:39 Sen. Esp to Sen. Lind

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:58:59 Sen. Lind

01:00:19 Break

01:11:14 Sen. Laible arrived at Committee Meeting.

01:13:47 Committee Meeting resumed.

**HEARING ON SB 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:14:00 **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13**, opened the  
hearing on **SB 35**, Include state as member of statewide  
mutual aid system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:15:03 Dan McGowan, Administrator of Montana Disaster and  
Emergency Services

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01:18:08 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt, SD 23, Roundup

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:18:43 None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:18:51 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:01 Sen. O'Neil to Dan McGowan, Montana Disaster and  
Emergency Services

**Closing by Sponsor**

01:20:17 Sen. Joe Tropila

01:20:40 Chairman Gillan informed the Committee that on  
Thursday, January 18, 2007 there would be individuals  
presenting information on subdivision laws.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35**

01:21:22 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ESP moved that SB 35 DO PASS.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

01:23:08 Further discussion by the Committee on subdivision  
laws and platting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:37 P.M.

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SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

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MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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